

Bureau of Prisons, Justice

§ 551.31

Subpart C—Birth Control, Pregnancy, Child Placement, and Abortion

§ 551.20 Purpose and scope.

The Bureau of Prisons provides an inmate with medical and social services related to birth control, pregnancy, child placement, and abortion. The Warden shall ensure compliance with the applicable law regarding these matters.

§ 551.21 Birth control.

Medical staff shall provide an inmate with advice and consultation about methods for birth control and, where medically appropriate, prescribe and provide methods for birth control.

§ 551.22 Pregnancy.

(a) The Warden shall ensure that each pregnant inmate is provided medical, case management, and counseling services.

(b) In order to ensure proper medical and social services, the inmate shall inform the institution medical staff as soon as she suspects she is pregnant.

(c) Medical staff shall arrange for the childbirth to take place at a hospital outside the institution.

[44 FR 38252, June 29, 1979, as amended at 59 FR 62968, Dec. 6, 1994]

§ 551.23 Abortion.

(a) The inmate has the responsibility to decide either to have an abortion or to bear the child.

(b) The Warden shall offer to provide each pregnant inmate with medical, religious, and social counseling to aid her in making the decision whether to carry the pregnancy to full term or to have an elective abortion. If an inmate chooses to have an abortion, she shall sign a statement to that effect. The inmate shall sign a written statement acknowledging that she has been provided the opportunity for the counseling and information called for in this policy.

(c) Upon receipt of the inmate's written statements required by paragraph (b) of this section, ordinarily submitted through the unit manager, the Clinical

Director shall arrange for an abortion to take place.

[51 FR 47178, Dec. 30, 1986, as amended at 59 FR 62968, Dec. 6, 1994]

§ 551.24 Child placement.

(a) The Warden may not permit the inmate's new born child to return to the institution except in accordance with the Bureau of Prisons policy governing visiting.

(b) Child placement is the inmate's responsibility. The Warden shall provide opportunities for counseling by institution staff and community social agencies to aid the inmate with placement.

(c) The institution staff shall work closely with community agencies and persons to ensure the child is appropriately placed. The staff shall give notice to the responsible community agency of the inmate's plan for her child. Child welfare workers may come to the institution in appropriate cases to interview and counsel an inmate.

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Subpart D—Inmate Organizations

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§ 551.30 Purpose and scope.

The Bureau of Prisons permits inmates and persons in the community to participate in approved inmate organizations for recreational, social, civic, and benevolent purposes.

§ 551.31 Approval of an organization.

(a) An inmate must submit a request for recognition of a proposed inmate organization to the Warden. The organization may not become active without the Warden's approval.

(b) The Warden may approve an inmate organization upon determining that:

(1) The organization has a constitution and bylaws duly approved by its members; the constitution and bylaws must include the organization's purpose and objectives, the duties and responsibilities of its officer(s), and the